

Wickwar Parish Council

Minutes

A meeting was held for the above Council on the 2nd April 2014, at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Attended:

Councillor T Proffitt (Chairman)
Councillor D Howard
Councillor R Stimpson
Councillor I Aldous
Councillor S Isaac
Councillor A Carroll

Apologies:

Councillor M Summers

Clerk:

Mrs P Trull

Councillor R Stimpson arrived at the meeting at 7.40pm.

Councillor S Isaac arrived at the meeting at 8.55pm

Ward Councillor Gawler attended this meeting.

Public Time

Parishioners attending wanted information about the proposed land for future development put forward by the Tortworth Estate. Chairman T Proffitt has attended a recent SGC meeting which was part of the consultation on their Sites Policies and Places (PSP) Plan which included rural development. The Parish Council had been invited to give views late last year and land owners more recently had been invited to put forward their thoughts for the next decade or so. Hence the recent preliminary suggestion for the Tortworth Estate. Further consultation by SGC is taking place leading to the final version of the PSP plan by January 2015.

Thus for SGC accept that Wickwar does not wish to have further housing development and therefore are not proposing to put forward development site (s) for new housing in Wickwar. The Parish Council participate fully in the continuing consultation and will remain vigilant.

Ms M Macdonald of Firing Close, Rangeworthy said that she owned the land that footpath LYA/1/20 runs through. The Footpath has been blocked and Wickwar Parish Council and SGC Public Rights of Way have asked for it to be unblocked. Ms Macdonald said it had been agreed that she would apply for a diversion order at her expense and all parties hoped this matter will be resolved as soon as possible.

Register of Declarations of Interest

Councillor D Howard, T Proffitt and M Summers are Trustees to the Wickwar Educational and General Charities

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SignedChairman.....Date.....

All Parish Councillors are Trustees of the King George V Playing Fields.

Councillor D Howard is the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

Councillor D Howard is a member of the Castle Bridleways Group, and Gloucester Wildlife Trust.

Councillor D Howard is a member of the Open Spaces Society.

Councillor T Proffitt is the Chairman of the Quarry Liaison Group, and Vice Chairman of the SSGC Laddenbrook Group.

Councillor M Summers declares an Interest concerning the Buthay Land Lease. The Parish Council Solicitor is known to him.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 5th March were signed as a fair representation of that meeting.

2. **Matters arising**

Buthay Lease – Clerk to discuss matter with Councillor M Summers.

3. **Planning**

PK14/1122/F – The Coach House, Back Lane Wickwar

External; alterations to front elevation to facilitate conversion of integral garage to living accommodation.

No objection

4. **Report Ward Councillor**

Parishioners in Back Lane expected their last collection of the green bins to take place on the 31st March 2014. This did not happen. Councillor Gawler said he would be dealing with this matter.

Hanson – Chipping Sodbury Quarry. Hanson has identified land for future stone extraction, the land is the east side of Wickwar Road.

5. **Items for information – Register of correspondence received.** – No comment at this meeting.

6. **General Business**

- **Castle Bridleway Group** - No report
- **SGC – Consultation on the future of highway and street scene services** – Consultation evening attended by Councillor T Proffitt
- **PROW – LYA/1/10**– blocked footpath. Meeting with A Robertson 19th March 2014. It was agreed with SGC PROW that access should be allowed whilst the diversion order is being considered.
- **Grass cutting tenders** – Clarification regarding tender quotes will be sought by the Clerk. One cut for the open cemetery and the KGV play area will be undertaken..
- **Letter from Village Hall** – Thanking Parish Council for the grant toward kitchen improvements.

- **Dates for the Councils AGM and APM.** Thursday 1st May 2014. Commencing 7.30pm.
- **ALCA Subscription** - Annual subscription for a Parish Council legal advice service. £329.97. Proposed by Councillor T Proffitt and seconded by Councillor A Carroll, all in favour therefore the motion was carried.
- **Request for funding CAB** – Grant application letter sent to all Councillors. Councillor D Howard proposed a grant of £250, seconded by Councillor S Isaac. All in favour, therefore the motion was carried.
- **SGC Sites and Policies** meeting attended by Councillor T Proffitt.
- **Highways and Street Scene contract** – The Clerk has been asked to verify certain contract details before the Parish Councillor will formally sign.
- **ALCA - Being a good Councillor Course** – Attended by Councillor M Summers, who will give a précis of the course at the Councils May meeting. The cost of the course is £60.00.

7. Reports

- **Quarry Liaison Group meeting** - Next meeting 4th June 2016, at Wickwar Quarry, commencing at 10am.
- **Frome Vale Area Forum** - 30mph speed reduction along the Sodbury Road discussed.
- **Speed Watch** – Funding sources for new or replacement equipment may not be available in the future.
- **Youth club** – AGM 24th April 2014, commencing at 7.30pm
- **Neighbourhood Watch**
- **Safer and Stronger South Glos meeting.** – Next meeting Rangeworthy 30th April 2014
- **PROW** - Parish Walk – 11th May & 15th June 2014, 10am Town Hall. Meeting to follow. Councillor Aldous asked members of the PROW Committee if the Youth Club Committee may use the PROW strimmer. Permission was given.
- **King George V Playing Fields**
- Inspection of Play equipment – Monthly inspection undertaken and report sent to the Council.
- Wood gate post - Post replaced
- Damage to inner KGV Gate – Gate replaced
- KGV Management Committee - Date to be arranged.
- Cycle ramps- Meeting date to be arranged,
 - **Community Centre** – No report at this meeting.
 - **Town Hall** – No report at this meeting
 - **Village Hall**- Refurbishments being undertaken.

8. Burial Matters

No report at this meeting

9. Accounts

Cheques signed at this meeting

Inland Revenue	£27.96
SGC – Dog bins Back Lane & King George V Play area	£99.14
P Trull – Amazon UK – Computer Ink	£36.83
P Trull – BT Phone Account	£75.84
F Vettori – Repair of gate post KGV & repair to sun dial cemetery	£445.57
Mr S Cox – Pavilion repairs	£60.00
Avon Local Councils Association – Councillor Course	£60.00
Avon Local Councils Association – Annual Subscription	£329.97

Income

March 2014

Town Hall Hire	£5.00
Memorial	£26.00
Cremation plot	£63.00
Interment burial plot	£62.00

Standing orders/Direct Debits

April 2014

Clerks Salary	£843.64
N Power Town Hall	£36.00